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I. WU Chang Teh, do certify as follows:

I am 38 years old and am a food merchant in the city of Nanking, China. In December 1937 and for a number of years prior to that time I was a policeman in the city of Nanking. I was never a member of the Chinese Army. After the fall of the city of Nanking I along with some three hundred other policemen was at the Judicial Yuan. We were not armed as all of our arms had been turned over to the International Committee for the Nanking Safety Zone. The Judicial Yuan was a refugee camp and there were many civilians there in addition to the policemen. On Dec. 15, 1937 the Japanese soldiers came to the Judicial Yuan and ordered all the men there to go with them. Two members of the International Committee told the Japanese that we were not former soldiers but they ordered these two men away and forced us to march to the mainwest gate of the city.

When we got there we were ordered to sit down just inside the gate. Machine guns were set up by the Japanese soldiers just outside of and on either side of the gate. There is a canal outside this gate and a steep slope leading down to it. There is a bridge across the canal but it is not directly opposite the gate.

These persons in group of over one hundred at a time were forced to go through the gate at the point of bayonets. As they went outside they were shot with machine guns and their bodies fell along the slope and into the canal. Those who were not killed by the machine gun fire were stabbed with bayonets by the Japanese soldiers. About sixteen groups each containing more than 100 persons had been forced through the gate ahead of me and these persons were killed.

When my group of something over 100 was ordered to go through the gate I ran as fast as I could and fell forward just before the machine guns opened fire, and was not hit by machine gun bullets and a Japanese soldier came and stabbed the bayonet in my back, I lay still as if dead. The Japanese threw some gasoline on some of the bodies and set them afire and left. It was then beginning to get dark. The bodies scattered along the bank and no gasoline was thrown on me. When I saw the Japanese soldiers had left I climbed out from among the dead bodies and went into a vacant house where I stayed for 10 days. Some one near there sent me a bowl of porridge each day. I then made my way into the city and went to the University Hospital. Dr. Wilson attended me. I stayed in the hospital for more than 50 days and when I got out I went to my native home in Northern Kiangsu. On the occasion I have described around two thousand persons former policemen and civilians were killed.

The foregoing statement is true and I make affidavit to it this 18th day of June 1946 and hereto affix my signature.

(Signed in Chinese characters by WU Chang Te

Subscribed and sworn to in the presence of

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